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1. Gliwice (German: Gleiwitz), which is one of the most important industrial centers in Upper Silesia, was only slightly damaged during World War II. According to information received from a number of refugees who escaped from Gliwice, very few factories had been damaged by war action although some of them were dismantled after the war by the Soviet Army. Practically all of the factories in Gliwice are back at their pre-war level of production.
  2. Before the war, according to German statistics, the town's population numbered 116,000, dropping after the war to approximately 80,000. Presently, the population figure is around 130,000 with a good number of workers employed in the town's enterprises but residing in surrounding localities.
  3. [REDACTED] a large town map of Gliwice, with an inset of a smaller map of the surrounding area. The large town map is drawn to a scale of 1:10,000. The smaller map inset of the surrounding area is drawn to a scale of 1:100,000. Available at the CIA Map Library as the aforementioned map of Gliwice with the smaller map inset.\*
  4. [REDACTED] used the Polish street names presently in use up to 30 Nov 53.
  5. "The following legend applies to the map and to the inset which shows Gliwice in relation to the surrounding area. Objects shown include utilities, municipal institutions and administrative offices, industrial plants and coal mines, trade and banking institutions, and cultural and educational institutions."

\* To borrow map [REDACTED]

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(A) UTILITIES:

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| 1   | Main railway-station                         | F 3          | Completely renovated after the war. The railway-station has a far-reaching net connected by branch-offs with the various factories and coal mines. Another connection is offered by a narrow-gauge railway-net dispersed all over the town and the surrounding area.                              |
| 2   | Railway-station East                         | K 3          | None.   |
| 3   | Railway-yard                                 | L 4, 5       | In this yard repair workshops and school for railroad technicians are located.  |
| 4   | Water-tower                                  | F 2          | None.   |
| 5   | Municipal Gas Plant                          | F 3          | None.   |
| 6   | Cleansing installations                      | D 1          | In the vicinity of Gliwice harbor, on the swampy land adjoining the Kloboc river where draining-works were performed in 1952.   |
| 7   | Electrical transformer station               | E 2          | On Portowa street   |
| 8   | Municipal electricity administration offices | (Not on map) | On Zwyciestwa street. (This, besides Zygmunta Starego street is the city's main street. Before the war it was called Wilhelmstrasse and was the main traffic artery of the town.)   |
| 9   | Streetcar sheds                              | H, J, 2, 3   | On Zabrska street. Here repair-workshops are maintained. The streetcar net not only covers the city area, but also connects various surrounding settlements with the town. In addition, like other industrial centers, the streetcar net connects with other industrial centers of Upper Silesia. |
| 10  | Radio station                                | G 1          | Located close to the autobahn Silesia-Berlin.   |
| 11  | Municipal fire-brigade                       | F 3          | On Wroclawska street.   |
| 12  | Sport stadium "PIASTOW"                      | G 4          | In the "university" district of the city.   |
| 13  | Sport stadium "GRUNWALDZKI"                  | D 3, 4       |   |
| 14  | Main Post Office                             | E 3          | On Dolne Way street   |
| 15  | Municipal slaughterhouse                     | E 2          | In the Sobiszowice suburb.  |

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(B) INSTITUTIONS AND OFFICES:

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| 17  | District Administration Office (Powiatowa Rada Narodowa) | E 3          | On Zygmunta Starego street.  |
| 18  | City Administration Office (not on map)                  |              | On Stalina street  |
| 19  | District & Town UB-office                                | E 3          | On Ziemowita street. This security district office occupies one building with the district court.        |
| 20  | District Police Headquarters                             | F 3          | On Barlickiego street (former Chmielna street).  |
| 21  | City Police Headquarters                                 | E 3          |  |
| 22  | Police station of borough No. 1                          | D 3          | On Chopina street.   |
| 23  | Police station of borough No. 2                          | (Not on map) |  |
| 24  | Police station of borough No. 3                          | F 4          |  |
| 25  | City Prison  | E 3          | On Wieczorka street.   |
| 26  | Labor office   | F 3          | On Gorzalki street.  |
| 27  | Communist Party Hq                                       | E 4          | On Stalina street.   |
| 28  | ZMP Headquarters   | F 3          | The Communist Youth Organization Headquarters on the corner of Zwyciestwa street and Barlickiego street. |
| 29  | Main city hospital                                       | D 3          | On Kosciuszki street.  |
| 30  | Social Insurance Hospital                                | E 4          |  |
| 31  | Social Insurance Main Offices                            | E 3          | On Zygmunta Starego street.  |
| 32  | Special dispensary for security functionaries            | F 3          | On the corner of Stalina and Kłodnicka street.   |

(C) PLANTS AND COAL MINES:

|      |                     |           |   |
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| 35 A | "1 MAY" Steel plant | F, G, 3   | On Jagielonska street, so-called "new" steel plant.   |
| 35 B | "1 MAY" steel mill  | F, G, 3,4 | So-called "old" steel mill. The "1 MAY" steel plant consists of two complexes. The steel plant is not equipped with furnaces or Martins ovens. In 1951 two new modern-type thermal ovens (Polish term: piece grzewcze) were installed in the "new" part |

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|      |                             |           | of the steel plant. The plant receives steel supplies from the Bobrek or Pokoj steel mills. Specialization of "1 May" is primarily the production of axles with wheels for locomotives and the railway-carriage plants in Wroclaw and Chrzanow. Rumors state that the steel mill also produces a special type of axles with wheels for Soviet-gauge railroads. While in the "new part" of the steel mill the production of these axles with wheels is done full time, the "old part" which is not yet completely re-established is working on various items on order from other plants. Both parts of the steel mill are connected by a narrow-gauge railway. In the yard of the "new part" of the steel complex huge quantities of scrap are hoarded. |
| 36   | Plant for chemical reagents | C 3       | This factory, located outside the town in its western outskirts, is quartered in a huge building complex, opposite the engineering barracks.   |
| 37 A | Wire factory                | E 2       | On Jana Sliwki street.   |
| 37 B | Wire factory                | E, F, 2   | On Dubois street. This factory which is also located on two separate complexes employs over 2,000 workers and employees in its two departments. The plant had been almost completely dismantled by Soviet authorities after World War II but is now back to its old standard of equipment with the exception of the rolling-section which has not been re-installed. The department located on Dubois street produces wires and all kinds of nails while the department on Sliwki street produces various articles such as barbed wire, wire nets, and all kinds of chains. A special section of the factory produces zinc-covered wires.  |
| 38   | "M-6"                       | E 2       | Factory for the production of electric motors, on Jana Sliwki street. This plant has recently been expanded. The plant operates a special school for industrial electricians. According to information received, the plant primarily specializes in the manufacture of parts for electric motors.  |

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| 39  | Plant manufacturing apparatuses for the chemical industry | H 2       | On Zabrska street. This plant constructed during World War II (or shortly before the war) is situated in a small forest just opposite the streetcar yard. The factory was known before under the name "MONTOCHEM" /source was not in a position to state when this name was dropped. The name had been used for definition of many similar enterprises involved in experimental and research work in the chemical field. For example, in the presently still under construction huge chemical combine in Kedzierzyn (German: Heydebreck near Cosel), an extensive area was reserved for MONTOCHEM operations. It is furthermore said that MONTOCHEM is under military control. |
| 40  | Crane manufacturing plant                                 | E 2       | Near Sliwki street.  |
| 41  | Paper mill  | E 3       | On Klodnicka street. This small factory manufactures cardboard and paper boxes of all types.   |
| 42  | Sulphuric acid factory                                    | G 6       | Located near the "Gliwice" coal mine, employing around 500 workers. Its production is based on pyridine of Polish origin.  |
| 43  | "CARBOCHEMIA"   | G 6       | On Pszczynska street, near the Ligota suburb. The factory specializes in the production of dyeing chemicals and special compounds used for synthetic rubber manufacture, for asphalt and various categories of pitch. The factory has very poor sanitary conditions and its working conditions are extremely hard.   |
| 44  | Factory for car spare parts                               | C 3       | On Labedzka street. The factory started after World War II in the pre-war military barracks. In the beginning of 1951, these barracks were partly taken over by military authorities and a unit of engineers was quartered therein. The factory is at present only operating in a small part of the buildings. According to hearsay, even this part is going to be transferred to another site. Presently mainly located in the barracks' stables and garages, the factory also occupies two or three proper barracks' buildings. The plant is working   |

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|      |                     |              | on orders of three carplants that are now in operation in Poland (Warsaw, Starachowice and Lublin), producing mainly the mechanized accessories for passenger cars and trucks. The plant employs at present hundreds of workers, while in its flourishing time it had approximately 3,000 men.   |
| 45   | Vinegar factory     | E 3          | On Strzody street.   |
| 46   | Shoe factory        | E 3          | On Zwyciestwa street. It is of limited size, founded after the nationalization of a number of private enterprises in this field.   |
| 47   | Quilt factory       | (Not on map) | On Dolne Way Street. Comparatively small enterprise, belongs to the luxurious commodities of today's Poland.   |
| 50 A | "Gliwice" coal mine | F, G, 5      | <p>The coal mine which is located in the southern outskirts of the town is around 550 meters deep. It is known for its flat deposits of coal, up to 1½ m high only. The coal mine operates in 15 mining sections. Apart from the around 2,000 free coal miners, approx 700 soldiers from military labor units are employed in the mines.</p> <p>The Gliwice coal mine possesses a very modern cokery. It is equipped with five batteries of which the two most modern were installed in 1951. A daily output of 2,200 tons is planned.</p> |
| 50 B | "Gliwice" coal mine | C 5          | The air-way and ventilating shaft for the "Gliwice" coal mine, situated in the western outskirts of the town directly near the military exercise grounds.  |
| 51   | "Sosnica" coal mine | L 4          | <p>Located in the western outskirts of Sosnica suburb, known before World War II under the name "Oehringer Grube". The coal mine is operated in two shafts to a depth of around 550 meters. Its installations are very modern. The coal mine is subdivided into eight mining sections; 2500 free coal miners are employed and around 500 soldiers of military labor units,</p>   |

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|     |                    |           | as well as approx 700 compulsory labor camp inmates. The compulsory labor camp is near the coal mine area.  |
| 52  | "LIGOTA" coal mine | H 5       | No information available about this coal mine. There were rumors that excavation of this mine had been dropped completely. Before World War II it had been known also under the name "Oehringer Grube". It can be assumed that it is merely a part of the Sosnica mine used for air-way purposes. |
| 55  | Railway workshops  | G, H, 3   | This workshop is located in the southern part of the railway yard.  |
| 56  | Corn loft          | F 2       | On Toszecka street. Two huge elevators belong to its equipment.   |
| 57  | PAGED              | F 2       | State-operated timber-trading organization. The dumps for coal mine supports and props are located in this place.   |
| 58  | POM                | E 4       | On Rybnicka street. The state-run agricultural machine-lending station and repair workshops for the surrounding state-owned estates and PGRs.   |
| 59  | PKS workshops      | F 2       | State-operated autobus lines workshops.   |
| 60  | Brick factory      | D 1       | None.   |
| 61  | Brick factory      | E 4       | None.   |
| 62  | Saw mill           | F 2       | None.   |
| 63  | Scrap iron depot   |           | Located between Gliwice harbor (known also as Labedy harbor) and the autobahn. This scrap iron depot is one of the largest within the entire Silesian basin.  |

(D) TRADE AND BANKING INSTITUTIONS:

|    |               |     |   |
|----|---------------|-----|---|
| 66 | Bank          | E 3 | On Zygmunta Starego street.   |
| 67 | PKO           | E 3 | Post office savings bank on Dolne Waj street.   |
| 68 | National Bank | E 3 | On the corner of Zwyciestwa and Strzody street. It is the Gliwice branch of the Central Bank of Poland. |

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| 69  | Rolny Bank                | E 3       | On the corner of Zwyciestwa and Strzody street. Gliwice branch of the Central State Bank for Agriculture.     |
| 70  | PDT                       | E 3       | On the corner of Zwyciestwa and Dolne Way street. Main state-operated retail department store in Gliwice.     |
| 71  | MHD                       | E 3       | Municipal retail shop on Zwyciestwa street.   |
| 72  | Hotel                     | E 3       | On Zwyciestwa street/[source did not remember its name but maintained that it is the main hotel of the city]. |
| 73  | "WARSZAWIANKA" restaurant | E 3       | On Dolne Way street. The most popular restaurant in town.   |

(E) CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS:

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|------|--|-----|--|
| 75   | Municipal theater                      | E 4 |  |
| 76   | "APPOLO" picturehouse                  | E 3 | On Wieczorka street.   |
| 77   | "BAJKA" picturehouse                   | E 3 | On Dolne Way street.   |
| 78   | "POTEGA" picturehouse                  | E 3 | On Stalina street.   |
| 79   | "GRAZYNA" picturehouse                 | E 1 | On the corner of Sliwki and Sobieszowicka street.                      |
| 80 A | Technical University                   | F 3 | On Wroclawska street   |
| 80 B | Technical University                   | F 4 | An additional part of the Technical University now under construction. |
| 81   | Mining Academy                         | F 3 | On Wroclawska street.  |
| 82   | High school for electro-technique      | E 1 | On Sliwki street.  |
| 83   | Public school                          | E 1 | On Sliwki street.  |
| 84   | Industrial high school                 | F 3 | On Barlickiego street.   |
| 85   | District House of Culture (not on map) |     | On Wroclawska street.  |

(F) MILITARY INSTALLATIONS:

|    |          |          |  |
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| 90 | Airstrip | E,F, 5,6 | This airstrip located on the southern outskirts of the town is now under complete Soviet control. The airfield has no concrete runways and is merely covered with grass. Although it is only occasionally used for training purposes now and then parachute jumping can be observed. The strip is maintained in perfect condition. |
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|     |                           |           | On the field as such, only one hangar and one barracks building is located.   |
| 91  | Military barracks         | C 3       | In the barracks one engineering unit is quartered. (In part of these barracks the car spare parts factory operates).  |
| 92  | Military barracks         | D,E, 3,4  | The block of buildings on the corner of Kosciuszki and Zygmunta Starego street, according to available information, is occupied by one infantry unit.   |
| 93  | Military barracks         | G 2       | According to information obtained, an antiaircraft unit is quartered in these barracks.   |
| 94  | Exercise ground           | A,B, 5,6  | In the southern outskirts of the Wojtowa Wies suburb. The shooting range is on the north-eastern end of the ground.   |
| 95  | Soviet unit               | D 3       | The small house on Kosciuszki street is occupied by a Soviet detachment. It is said that this unit is playing the role of a liaison detachment to the Polish military authorities in Gliwice with respect to administration of the airstrip, and also controls the Soviet military telephone lines that by-pass the city. |
| 96  | Unidentified              |           |   |
| (G) | <u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>      |           |   |
| 101 | New workers' settlement   | E 5       | In the Trynki suburb. New construction.   |
| 102 | Workers' settlement       | E 1       | In the Sobiszowice suburb, newly constructed.   |
| 103 | Main city cemetery        | C 2       | This cemetery is located outside the city in the direction of Stare Gliwice. The crematory located on this cemetery was bombed out by war action and has not been rebuilt.  |
| 104 | Soviet soldiers' cemetery | D, 3,4    | Near Kosciuszki street.   |
| 105 | "MOTOZBYT"                | E 3       | A town-branch of the state-operated trade organization dealing in spare parts for passenger cars, trucks and tractors. The enterprise is located on the market place.   |

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| 106 | Printing shop                           | E 3       | On Zwyciestwa street. The printing shop is combined with the Soviet library.   |
| 107 | Printing shop                           | E 3       | On Ormowcow street.  |
| 108 | Gasoline station                        | D 3       | Near Kosciuszki street.  |
| 108 | Gasoline station                        | G 3       | On Zabrska street.   |
| 108 | Gasoline station                        | F 2       | On Toszecka street.  |
| 108 | Gasoline station                        | F 3       | On Zwyciestwa street.  |
| 108 | Gasoline station                        | F 3       | On Nowy Rynek.   |
| 113 | Insulation material factory             | H 6       | This factory located in the southern outskirts of the town, in the Ligota Zabrska suburb, specialized in the manufacture of insulation plates for cooling houses, refrigerator railway cars, etc. For this insulation material, a by-product of coke slags is used (Polish term for the product: wata zuzlowa). The factory was constructed within the six-year plan and put into operation in 1952. |
| 114 | Factory for all kinds of (metal) files. | F 3       | On Klodnicka street.   |
| 115 | Flour mill driven by electrical power   | F 4       | On Pszczynska street.  |

LABEDY'S SURROUNDING AREA:

- A. Knot [sic] of the Soviet telephone lines, in the western outskirts of the suburban village Bojkw. At this point three lines meet coming from: (a) Rybnik, in the south, (b) Labedy, in the north, and (c) Makoszowy in the east.
- B. Steel mill "J STALIN" in Labedy.
- C. Suburban forest near Labedy, now taken over by military authorities. In this forest the tanks manufactured by the Labedy steel mill will be stored.
- D. Labedy Harbor
- E. Scrap iron depot situated between the harbor and the autobahn.
- F. Nieborowice, state estate (PGR) administrated by military authorities.
- G. Knurów coal mine. This coal mine is situated in the north-western part of the locality (the name cannot be confirmed as being correct). In the northern part of the coal mine area a new barracks was finished early this year [1953] where an army labor unit of one battery strength was then quartered. The area around the nearby small lake was forested this year.

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- H. Knurow coal mine, situated near the railway station. This coal mine was known before the war under the name "Veisen". Compulsory labor camp inmates are among the working coal miners. Near the coal mine a cokery is in operation with two batteries. The cokery has a daily output of 1,000 tons. The coke gas is used as a by-product for the manufacture of ammonia along the CLAUDE synthetic process.
- J. Lignoza - manufactures explosives for use in mines. This plant existed before World War II and was then situated right on the frontier between Poland and Germany. The plant had the character of an independent joint stock company, with shares divided among all those coal mines that use its explosive products. It is said that the plant is now under military control. According to information, no change as compared with the pre-war status could be observed in the plant. Lignoza is located in the vicinity of Krywald.
- K. Pilchowice (German: Bilchengrund). A saw mill, a flour mill and a large children's hospital, one of the largest in all of Silesia, are located here.
- L. Makoszowy coal mine; before World War II "DELBRUECK GRUBE". The coal mine has a cokery with six batteries, two of them very modern, which were installed at the end of 1951. The daily coke output is 2,500 tons.

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